MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE DEBATE.

Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai handed over to the President a written statement asking for the adjournment of the debate "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the ruinous policy of assigning large tracts of Travancore lands to non-Travancoreans."

PRESIDENT: Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai, will you kindly inform me as to what rule you are making this motion under?

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Rule 18.

PRESIDENT: I have just seen the statement in which Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai moves for the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, and, in explication of his statement, he goes on to state

> ".....the ruinous policy of assigning large tracts of Travancore lands to non-Travancoreans without due regard to the needs and well-being of the people of Travancore as is evidenced by the Government action in assigning or in ordering to assign about 25,000 acres of lands in the Devicolam Division to Europeans and other foreigners within the short period of the last two years, and the necessity for immediately staying the hands of Government in the matter."

Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai purports to make his motion on the ground that it is a *definite* matter firstly, and secondly, of *urgent* public importance. And the grounds upon which he bases his request are that the Government are assigning or have assigned or have ordered the assignment of about 25,000 acres of land in the Devicolam Division to Europeans or other foreigners. In the first place, that statement is entirely incorrect. No such area of land as 25,000 acres, or even a tithe of it, has during the last two years been assigned in the Devicolam Division to anybody, Europeans or other foreigners. Therefore, it is on a false assumption that he makes his prayer. Secondly, it relates to a matter of the past, according to his own statement. Therefore, it is not a matter of urgent public importance. Thirdly, it is a vague statement and therefore it is not a *definite* matter. In view of all these considerations, I have no alternative but to disallow the motion.

REGULATION ASSENTED TO BY HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI REGENT.

The Secretary to the Legislative Council announced that the Travancore Cinematograph Bill received the assent of Her Highness the Maharani Regent on the 10th Edavam 1102/29th May 1927.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation II of 1097.

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